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# Statewide organizations:

CASA of Oregon
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
Catholic Charities
Enterprise Community Partners
Habitat for Humanity of Oregon
Housing Development Center
NOAH (Network for Oregon
Affordable Housing)
Northwest Housing Alternatives
RCAC

#### Coast:

CDC of Lincoln County Community Action Team, Inc.

### Central & Eastern Oregon:

Columbia Cascade Housing Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc. Families Forward/Housing Works NeighborImpact UGMW Nonprofit Development Corporation

#### Southern Oregon:

ACCESS Housing Authority of Jackson County

Community Home Builders

NeighborWorks Umpqua United Community Action Network (UCAN)

## Willamette Valley:

Farmworker Housing Development Center Mainstream Housing, Inc. Metropolitan Affordable Housing Corp. NEDCO Oregon Housing and Associated

Services, Inc.
Polk CDC
Salem-Keizer CDC
St Vincent de Paul of Lane County
Willamette Neighborhood Housing
Services

# Portland Metro:

Central City Concern

Community Housing Fund

Bienestar

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) Downtown Community Housing Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East Hacienda CDC Home Forward Housing Authority of Clackamas County Housing Authority of Washington County Human Solutions, Inc. Innovative Housing, Inc. NAYA Family Center Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives (PCRI)

Portland Housing Center Proud Ground

**REACH Community Development** 

**ROSE Community Development** 

In Support of House Bill 4038

House Committee on Human Services and Housing – Feb. 3, 2014

Submitted by: John Miller, Oregon Opportunity Network

Chair Tomei and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon Opportunity Network (Oregon ON), thank you for the opportunity to weigh in with our support for HB 4038. This compromise solution from the workgroup established in the 2013 session would ensure that residents in manufactured housing parks are notified when owners choose to sell, so that tenants have the opportunity to make a competitive offer to acquire the park. As you know, the residents of manufactured housing are predominantly seniors, veterans, people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. Resident ownership has proven to be an effective model to help prevent the loss of this affordable housing option and to help these folks stay in their homes.

Oregon ON is a membership-based, statewide association of affordable housing and community development organizations that provide housing and economic opportunity for working families, people with disabilities, seniors and others struggling to meet their needs in communities throughout Oregon. We see the preservation of manufactured home parks, and in particular the resident ownership model, as a key strategy to provide safe, decent, affordable housing to some of our most vulnerable neighbors.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 4038 and common-sense compromise around this issue. We look forward to working with you on this and other housing issues during the 2014 session. Thank you for your service to Oregon!

Sincerely,

John Miller Executive Director

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